

March 30, 1983

LB 304, 539

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I move we advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, all those in favor signify by saying aye...sorry, we have to have a machine vote...vote aye. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 304 is advanced. We will move on to LB 539.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 539 (Read title). The bill was read on January 10, referred to Ag and Environment, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Dick Peterson, are you going to take the committee amendment? Okay.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker and members, this modifies the provision of the Nebraska Ag Lime Act and amendments that are offered by the...are what the Department of Agriculture recommended and I think Senator Carsten, it is his bill, I believe he is in agreement with these. The one, it reinstates language which provides that agricultural lime slurry shall be included and the definition of agricultural liming material. Two, it strikes the definition of agricultural lime slurry provided for in the bill and reinstates the definition in current use in the statute. And, three, it strikes exemption of agricultural lime slurry from labeling requirements, and four, it reinstates prohibition that no liming materials shall be sold in the state which contain toxic materials in quantities injurious to plants or animals, and it also changes the requirement that the Department of Agriculture distribute annually to each agricultural liming material registrant, licensee, or other interested party the composite report of the tonnage of agricultural liming material sold in each county of the state, and the committee amendment strikes "distribute" and provides that the Department must only make such reports available to interested parties. And we also struck...the bill struck the current criminal penalties for violations of Agricultural Liming Materials Act and substituted civil penalty for fines ranging from \$10 to \$500 for each violation. And we also, the committee felt that there should be an emergency clause